

Angler's Guide Photo Contest Information

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This year be sure to pack your camera in your tackle box so you can snap a quick photo and prevent the dreaded "one that got away" phenomenon. As a picture is worth a thousand words, the CT DEEP Inland and Marine Fisheries Divisions are looking to share your fish stories with your fellow anglers by welcoming you to submit your best fishing related digital photo to us.

With the many rich fishing resources the state has to offer, and the longstanding tradition of casting a line at 6:00 am on opening day of Trout Season - this year it is Saturday April 20 - the opportunities for capturing a great fishing moment are endless.

For this contest we are looking for high quality electronic photos, meaning they may appeal to a diversity of anglers and the public, are in sharp focus, and have good color contrast. Furthermore, those of sufficient resolution to allow enlargement (8 in x 10.5 in, vertical, at 300 dpi) will be considered for the cover of the 2014 Angler's Guide, the grand prize. In addition to use in the Angler's Guide, submitted photos, with credit to the photographer, may be used by CT DEEP for display on a variety of fisheries outreach materials including press releases, web pages, Facebook, and educational materials.

The benefits of fishing are many including; it is a great way to relax, connect with the outdoors, provide a delicious dinner, and is enjoyable for novice and expert alike. Some of Connecticut's recreational fish include; freshwater species such as trout, bass, northern pike, walleye, catfish, and panfish as well as marine species such as summer flounder (fluke), striped bass, bluefish, scup (porgy) and tautog (blackfish).

We have tried to provide the best possible access to these fish in our marine waters by having lower size limits at enhanced shoreline access locations for fluke and scup (porgy) and providing bonus striped bass vouchers, and in inland waters by stocking trout parks, trout management areas, and hundreds of rivers, streams, lakes and ponds with brook, brown, rainbow, and tiger trout. As fishing means many things to many people, we are encouraged, through this contest, that we will receive a diverse collection of digital photographs capturing the true essence and broad scope of Connecticut's fisheries resource.

Grand prize: Cover of the 2014 CT DEEP Angler's Guide* **Runner(s) up:** Inclusion within the CT DEEP Angler's Guide

Submit by: November 1, 2013

Submit to: <u>deep.inland.fisheries@ct.gov</u> (digital photographs only please)

Requirements:

- 1.) The **digital photo** must be of someone fishing or of the lucky angler with a fish captured **within Connecticut waters following all state fishing rules and regulations**.
- 2.) Accompanying each photo must be the 2014 Angler's Guide Photo Contest Form which includes authorization and release for use of each photograph. The form is available as a <u>pdf</u> or <u>Word document</u>. The completed form can be scanned and emailed to <u>deep.inland.fisheries@ct.gov</u>; faxed to (860)424-4070; or mailed to DEEP Inland Fisheries, 2014 Angler's Guide Photo Contest, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT 06106.

^{*}Grand prize to be awarded at the discretion of the agency